GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AFFECTED BY NAXALISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level meeting of Naxal affected States was held in Bhubaneswar ;

(b) if so, the details of various issues discussed and outcome thereof ;

(c) whether iron rich Naxal affected States are affected by Maoists stand to oppose opening of doors to steel giants;

(d) if so, the details of MoU signed by such States with various groups; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to deal with such Naxal move of obstructing the developmental projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(e) : The 22nd meeting of the Coordination Centre under the Chairmanship of Union Home Secretary was held at Bhubaneswar on 27-28th December, 2006. The major decisions taken included building up of capacity and strengthening intelligence set-up; filing up of vacancies at police officer/official and development functionaries at grassroots` level; ensuring meaningful implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes; delivery of Citizen services based on Security of land records and strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) by transfer of powers and reviewing of Resettlement and Rehabilitatin policies keeping in view industrialization and displacement issues.

The CPI(Maoist) and other groups are opposed to the extraction of iron ore in the States of Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Jharkahand.The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to address the naxal problem on political, security and development fronts. Effective and sustained police action is taken invidually and jointly by the States to counter the naxal violence. The naxal affected States have been asked to improve delivery and monitoring mechanisms to ensure accelerated development in the naxal affected areas.The Central Government continues to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the State Governments on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.